



EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the May 3, 2022, meeting](#)
Comments by Chairman

RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT OFFICE

9:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Janilyn Murtha, Executive Director, Retirement and Investment Office, regarding the status of the State Investment Board and Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR)

9:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Scott Anderson, Chief Investment Officer, Retirement and Investment Office, regarding the status of state investments for the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) funds, TFFR, and legacy fund

9:50 a.m. Committee consideration and receipt of technical [comments](#), [actuarial](#) information, and comments by interested persons relating to bill drafts, over which the committee took jurisdiction, which affect, actuarially or otherwise, the retirement programs of state employees or employees of any political subdivision, and health and retiree health plans of state employees or employees of any political subdivision pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02.4:

- **Bill Draft No. 16** [[23.0016.02000](#)], which exempts certain teachers from contributing to TFFR
- **Bill Draft No. 53** [[23.0053.01000](#)], which provides for changes relating to TFFR benefits and duties of the TFFR Board

10:20 a.m. Break

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

10:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Representative Mike Lefor, Chairman, interim Retirement Committee, regarding the activities of the interim Retirement Committee

10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Scott Miller, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement System, of a status report of the PERS health benefits insurance contract review

11:20 a.m. Committee consideration of the following bill drafts to determine whether the bill drafts affect, actuarially or otherwise, the retirement programs of state employees or employees of any political subdivision, or health and retiree health plans of state employees or employees of any political subdivision pursuant to Section 54-35-02.4:

- **Bill Draft No. 2** [[23.0002.02000](#)], which provides for PERS health benefits coverage of prosthetic devices
- **Bill Draft No. 87** [[23.0087.01000](#)], which provides for legacy fund funding of the PERS main plan

- **Bill Draft No. 92** [[23.0092.01000](#)], which provides for a prescription drug reference rate pilot program
- **Bill Draft No. 93** [[23.0093.01000](#)], which provides for PERS health benefits coverage of fertility treatment

11:35 a.m. Committee consideration and receipt of technical comments, actuarial information, and comments by interested persons relating to bill drafts, over which the committee took jurisdiction, which affect, actuarially or otherwise, the retirement programs of state employees or employees of any political subdivision, and health and retiree health plans of state employees or employees of any political subdivision pursuant to Section 54-35-02.4:

- **Bill Draft No. 8** [[23.0008.01000](#)], which expands the PERS Bureau of Criminal Investigation participation in the Public Safety Retirement Plan to include all peace officers employed by the state, except for members of the State Highway Patrol who are covered by the Highway Patrol plan
- **Bill Draft No. 34** [[23.0034.02000](#)], which narrows the scope of duties of the Employee Benefits Programs Committee

12:00 noon Recess

1:00 p.m. Continuation of committee consideration and receipt of technical comments, actuarial information, and comments by interested persons relating to bill drafts pursuant to Section 54-35-02.4:

- **Bill Draft No. 45** [[23.0045.01000](#)], which revises the membership of the PERS Board and revises the process for approval of PERS health benefits coverage contracts
- **Bill Draft No. 54** [[23.0054.01000](#)], which provides for a change in the computation of final average salary for PERS retirement benefits
- **Bill Draft No. 71** [[23.0071.01000](#)], which provides for clerks of court to be state judicial employees
- **Bill Draft No. 77** [[23.0077.01000](#)], which revises the retirement benefits for peace officers employed by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation

2:00 p.m. Committee discussion and directives

2:10 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Joshua A. Boschee (Chairman), Bert Anderson, Claire Cory, Ron Guggisberg, Mitch Ostlie, Matthew Ruby, Paul J. Thomas

Senators: Brad Bekkedahl, Randy A. Burckhard, Dick Dever, Tim Mathern, Kristin Roers, Shawn Vedaa

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